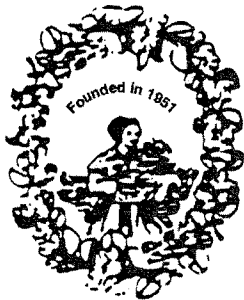


LORRAINE INOUE



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Senator Lorraine R. Inouye was born and raised on the Big Island and graduated from Hilo High School. She earned a certificate in Hotel Management and worked in the hotel and visitor industry in Hawaii for more than 20 years.

Her political career began in 1974 with her appointment to serve as a member of the Hawaii County Planning Commission, a position she held until 1979. In 1980, then Governor George Ariyoshi appointed her to be a member of the Hawaii State Plan Policy Council. In 1983, she resigned this position to run for a seat on the Hawaii County Council, which she won in 1984. She served on the Council until 1990, when she won at a special mayoral election and served for two years to complete the term of the previous mayor of Big Island, who passed away while in office.

In 1998, Senator Inouye was elected to represent the First Senatorial District of the Big Island at the Hawaii State Legislature. She currently serves as Chair of the Transportation and Government Operations committee and Vice-Chair of Higher Education. She is also a member of the committees on Intergovernmental Affairs and Ways and Means.

In addition to being an avid golfer, Senator Inouye is involved in many community activities. She is a member of the Democratic Party, a charter member of the North Hawaii Community Hospital, a member of the Waimea Outdoor Circle, Waimea Community Association, Big Island Filipino Community Council, Pepeekeo Filipino Community Association, and the League of Women Voters. She also served as Director of the Girl Scouts of Hawaii from 1995-2000 and is a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts of America. In 1997, she was a recipient of the government service award given by the United Filipino Council of Hawaii.

Even with all of her community activities, it has always been important to Senator Inouye to be a mentor to Hawaii's youth, especially young women. She manages to find time to visit schools in her district, participating in programs such as the Read-to-Me Program, and speaking to students about civic responsibility, the political system, and the importance of community involvement.

Senator Inouye has three children and is married to Vernon Inouye, who owns and operates Floral Resources, Inc..